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Subject: Make it right now or you condemn the future

When I buy a television from Sony. They do not tell me how to use it, where to use it, what I can add to it, which part of the house to place it, or weather or not I can sell it or give it away.

When I buy a car from Ford. They do not tell me where I can drive it, how to drive it, what color or parts I can change or use on it.

So why do we now allow Microsoft to dictate to us through the "Windows XP" (\$200 to \$300). On how we can use it, where we use it, How many times and places we can use it. as well as to answer to them on when we do major changes to our personnel computers.

They have been left un-challenged and now we are here.

I am just Joe Average. I use a slow system at home that runs Windows 98. I do not use Outlook, I do not use Internet Explorer (I use Netscape that I bought years ago), I do not use other applications that are embedded in the operating system. However, I would be forced to buy a bigger and faster p.c. Just to use "XP". I do not use Instant message, I will not edit video, I will not use their media player (I use a free one off of the internet). I will not use there calendar function (I bought Calendar Creator years ago.) However, because these application are embedded it means that this operating system is a resource hog. More disk space is used for stuff that I may never use. More memory is required to work the machine, because the code is so bloated. Memory should be used to run what is selected to run. Not run what Microsoft thanks you may run.

You have to ask 2 questions. 1.) What is the basic definition of an operating system ? 2.) Why are applications that can be bought off of a shelf being embedded ? Once they embedded other applications in the operating system, it stopped being an operating system. It is much more. Once you answer these two questions it is simple. This is about control, me only and money.

If the application writers at Microsoft can write the applications as modules. The cost, size and waste of resource by the operating system will be little. They then can sell the applications as separate packages to those that want to edit video or use a media player.

For Microsoft to say that they can not remove the code, it is bogus. Are they saying that they do not have change control/quality control (ISO9000) on their product ? If they can write the code to insert it. There is always a way to back it out.

Forever on window 98. If I do upgrade it will be to an Linux operating system with no bells and whistles. (\$50) Also, It will run on my current hardware. Can not afford to buy new.

These statements are no reflection of the company I work for, They are my own comments.

Sincerely Your,

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